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Six Meters Awakens in Africa!

John, 9H5EE, writes: "Hello friends on SIX meters! After a long spell of silence on the band, this evening (September 26) we had Ron, 7Q7RM and John, 7Q7JL at 1830Z. Spotted during a local QSO between themselves on 50.116, they were both very strong (+20 with me) and clean from any annoying TEP flutter. They started to fade out about an hour later, but I could still copy a weak but perfectly readable 7Q7RM CQing in CW at 2000Z. Ron said that he had 4X1IF in weak CW about an hour earlier. They also worked into EH a little later.

In the meantime, at 1900Z, Jack, V51KC gave me a shout. He was coming in at about S7 with me initially. He could read me better than I could as he was a difficult copy with the typical TEP flutter and QSB. At 1917Z, the QSB was becoming too much and I had to say 73, but I could still hear his voice beneath the CQ calls of 7Q7JL or 7Q7RM on 50.110 up to 1930Z or later. I believe he was in a QSO with someone else, but could not copy who."

Six Meter Es in September-October?

In the northern hemisphere, yet! Was this the tail of the summer Es season, or a portent of greater happenings this (northern hemisphere) winter, perhaps the sun burping a bit more than usual, or more 6 mtr operators being alert (or alerted)? John, 9H5EE, describes one of these openings:

"I would like to put on record today's (October 10) opening via Sporadic-E. I noticed the opening at 0945, but it must have started earlier. My last log entry was just before 1200Z, but the opening laster a bit more. I could not stay QRV any later. The countries I logged were OZ, DL, PA, and SM. I could have missed one or two more. Italy was one country which I could copy in back- or side-scatter. The opening was solid and continuous with strong signals, but quickly going into QSB on most occasions with signals coming from all areas at random.

The evening provided 5T5/F5JKK for a new one into most of Europe, during which, many stations from various countries could be heard via scatter."

Two Meter Es in September!

According to Andy Cook's 2m Report in October 93 *VHF-UHF DXer*, IC8FAX in JN70 worked GW8JLY and GW4ZQV, both in IO81 at about 1150 on September 18, 1993—a very late opening for this year.

Subscription Renewals

A number of US subscribers have paid for first class subscription renewals ($25). That's OK, we'll send future issues by first class. However, half of the issues have already gone out by third class mail. (That's only one of the problems caused by our not keeping current.) As a result, I've advanced those subscribers 13 months.

I'm trusting that those of you whose subscriptions ended during 1992 will eventually renew and we'll get the printing and postage deficit under control. Your subscription expiration date is on line 1 of your mailing label. EXP 9212 means your last paid issue was December 1992.

A 50 MHz Listings Box

A group of 50 MHz DXers suggested to me at W6JKV's latest BBQ that we publish a 50 MHz grid square or grid field box so the gang could see how everybody was doing.

I had even myself considered listing 50 MHz IOTA totals. *Islands On The Air*, last I heard, didn't include 50 MHz, and I thought that was a shame, because there are some perfectly good islands that see no 50 MHz DX-peditions because they are a small and hard-to-get-to part of some other "country". Islands like, say, Amchitka, Farallones, French Frigate Shoals, Nuku Hiva, Aitutaki, Trobriands, Tongatapu, Henderson, Sala y Gomez; well, you get the picture.

I have more than enough to do right now, but a "List" would fill some space and foster some *esprit de corps*. What I don't want to do is handle any "steenkin" QSL cards or arbitrate any "steenkin" boundary disputes.

What would be easiest to administer and avoid stepping on any other organization's turf would be grid fields; e.g., the first two letters in the grid square.

I don't care if the contact was before grid-squares were implemented in the U.S.A. How about post-WW II? Nor do I care if the DX station's operation was sanctioned, though I suppose the DX station should hold a license from somewhere. Most important, the DX station should really be in the grid field claimed. Maritime or Aeronautical mobile? Sure! Cross-band? 50-70 MHz? Why not? 50-28 MHz? Sorry!

We could have fixed station and rover listings, with the fixed station counting operation from a limited area and the rover counting the number of grid fields from which (s)he worked 3 other fields. How large should the fixed station area be? A grid field is probably too large, perhaps a 500 km diameter circle, or 4 joined grid squares would be fairer.

I propose that stations applying for listing send me a list or floppy with their own grid square(s), and the grid fields worked with the station worked, year, date, and time of QSO.

Rather than dictatorially putting this in place, I am hereby soliciting our reader's views. What do you think of the above? Should we require a minimum number (say 10) of grid fields for listing? Should we offer an award for 100?

Aug, Sept, Oct 1993 DX Reports

The following 50 MHz reports of DX heard and worked are primarily courtesy of G4UPS, SM7AED, and 9H5EE. The year (1993) is understood, the day of the month precedes the time, and both are in UTC. A + to the right of the time indicates the observation was one of several in a time period and the observation time is probably later than stated. A 4- or 6-digit grid square, frequency, and out time in () may be indicated. The call at the right indicates the reporting station. Symbols V = Video carrier, F = FM audio, B = beacon, C = CW, S = SSB.

News of Africa

Canary Islands:

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10111830 EH8ACW                    ON4KST
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Ceuta & Melilla Islands:

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08270912 EH9IB                   S G4UPS 59
08270938+EH9IB                   S G4UPS 59
08300905 EH9IB                   S G4UPS 59
09041830 EH9IB                     9H5EE
09051000 EH9IB                   S G4UPS 59
09091610+EH9IB          (-1630)    9H5EE
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Eritrea: (Recently returned to DXCC) During July and early August, the E31A DX-pedition worked 20 stations, all in the Mediterranean, 9H, I, 4X, etc. Tnx *Six News*.

Madeira: Cedric, CT3FT, writes "I see you list CT3 under "Europe" **but** in fact we lie in the Atlantic, off Morocco; i.e., Zone 33 **North West Africa!**" Blush!

Mauritania: Alain, ON4KST, writes that 5T5/F5JKK is ex TL8MB, TA5ZA, ..., and will stay 22 months. QSL via F6FNU. John, 9H5EE, writes of Eric, 5T5JC: "He started his 6 mtrs activities on October 7 with a temporary call signing 5T5/F5JKK. He was only able to hear the ZD8VHF beacon. His first QSOs on his first 6 mtr opening were into Italy, Malta, and France on October 8 soon after 1600Z. He appeared around 1630Z on October 10 and soon worked into most of Europe, and later on into South America as well. On October 11, he worked only South America. On October 12, as I write this, he was worked a few stations in Europe, but mostly into 9H so far. On October 13, he was in to 9H5EE until at least 1815Z. He was also copying the SV9SIX beacon, but just missed working SV9 for a new one as SV9ANJ was late to come on the band. Eric reports a count of 17 countries so far in five days. Apart from Europe, he is having propagation to South America every evening.

Situated in Atar, some 225 mtrs above sea level, he is QRV on all bands from 160 mtrs to 23 cm. On 6 mtrs Eric runs about 55 Watts from a Tokyo HL-66V, driven by a Yaesu FT-736R, into a Tonna 5el Yagi about 17 mtrs above ground.

His previous 6 mtr operations included FY/FE1JKK, TL8MB, TA5ZA and, just recently, XU5DX. After a break of one month in France, he is now stationed in Mauritania for the next 22 months. He is there on his duties.

He hopes to be QRV for two hours in the mornings and two hours in the afternoons as well as during the whole evenings on the working days. On week-ends, which happen to fall on Fridays in Islamic Mauritania, he could possibly be found QRV all day. He shall be giving special attention to Six, the Magic Band.

His QSL info is: F6FNU, Antoine Baldek, PO Box 14, F-91291 Arpajon Cedex, France

Well-done, Eric, for yet another new country on SIX thanks to you!"

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10101635 5T5/F5JKK         (-1830)   9H5EE
10101727 5T5/F5JKK  IL30AM          S ON4KST
10102220 5T5/F5JKK         (-2230)   9H5EE
10121800+5T5JC             (-1845)   9H5EE
10131720 5T5JC             (-1810)   9H5EE
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Malawi:

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08251816 7Q7RM                     C G4UPS 569
09261835+7Q7JL & 7Q7RM     (-1930)   9H5EE
10121800+7Q7RM             (-1845)   9H5EE
10131920 7Q7RM             (-2000)   9H5EE
10151800 7Q7LA & 7Q7RM     (-1930)   9H5EE
1020     7Q7RM       KH74             PA3FYM
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Morocco:

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09051211 CN8ST                     S G4UPS 59
09241224 CN4ST                       G4UPS 59
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Namibia:

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08251816+V51VHF/B                  B G4UPS 339
09261835+V51KC             (-1930)   9H5EE
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South Africa:

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10141640 ZS6PJS            (-1650)   9H5EE
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Western Sahara: *Six News* reports: "Results from S01AB have been disappointing during the Es season. According to EA2JG, a TS680s and 5 element beam have been available for some time, but rarely (if at all!) is it switched on.

Zimbabwe: From Mal Geddes, Z23JO/G2SO: "Am now 80.5 years old, but still interested in ham radio. I have worked 13 W6 stations on 6 mtr, but not for some months, and the band is pretty useless at the moment (Sept. 18). When the band wakes up again, I will certainly let you have details of stations worked."

In my reply of October 11, I stated: Would you please let me know what progress is made with the (Z21SIX) beacon? I also note that it is now the season for TransEquatorial scatter Propagation, and I would expect that you would be having frequent night time openings to Northern Africa and the Mediterranean. In the coming months, you should be having Sporadic-E openings throughout the southern half of Africa. Signals may no longer by the S9+ ones you have been used to, but there should be some weak signal stuff left. Fortunately there are a number of beacons that you may hear. I am sure our readers would like hear about what you are hearing/working.

As you can see, we are also publishing a "behind the times issue", the next one of which will be March 1993. If you worked/heard anything on 6m during February/March/April 1993, we would appreciate a note indicating what and when—note for instance HL9UH's log and FO5DR's log of TV video carrier reception.

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09301915+Z23JO             (-1925)   9H5EE
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News of Asia

Cyprus: This from the Reuters News Agency as it appeared in September 30's *San Francisco Chronicle:*

"Nicosia. A love that blossomed across the Cyprus 'Green Line' was crushed when a Turkish Cypriot conscientious objector was thrown in jail and his Greek Cypriot girlfriend sent back across the barbed wire.

Yiota Nikolaou, 19, was handed over to U.N. officials at the Ledra Palace crossing of the line dividing the Turkish and Greek sectors of Nicosia yesterday, Turkish Cypriot officials said.

Police escorted Yiota and her child from the Famagusta home of her companion Salih Askeroglu's parents.

Askeroglu, 28, was detained by a Turkish military court and is to be tried tomorrow for refusing to serve in the army, Hurrem Tolga of the Conscientious Objectors Support Committee told Reuters.

He fell in love with Nikolaou from the other side of the U.N.-patrolled Green Line separating Turks and Greeks on the island where legend says Aphrodite, the goddess of love, was born.

They met a year ago when Askeroglu fled to the south to escape the army and obtain a Cypriot passport."

OK, so it's not DX, but it is interesting reading (see previous issue). Now is some official from South Korea going to tell us not to bother working North Korea because **it** isn't recognized by the United Nations either?

Taiwan: Received a letter from Richard Lu, BV2DP, who is active on 6 mtrs on Taiwan. He says "I've QSO'd many countries, but no U.S. 6 mtrs on Taiwan is allowed for experimental reasons, not open at all, but I think more and more BV stations are appearing on 50 MHz." His address is P.O. Box 10983, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

News of Europe

Andorra: From *Six News*: Fred, C31HK, started his 6m operation in May 1993. Early QSOs were with 10W and his HF vertical tuned with an ATU. From June onwards, Fred erected a full wave quad loop for 50 MHz, supported by bamboo and mounted over his balcony. He has now logged over 700 different staations from Europe, WA1OUB was also heard (but not worked) in early June. Country break downs, with the first station worked, followed by the number of QSOs with that country are listed below.
CN8ST (1), CT1WW (1), DL9YE (58), EH7CD (7), EH8ACW (1), EH9IB (1), EI7GL (4), F1SAH (17), G0JHC (347), GD3AHV (4), GI4XFS (26), GJ4ICD (1), GM4BIT (14), GU7DHI (1), GW6VZW (26), IK4BHO (14), LA9ZV (5), LX2DX (3), OE5OU (3), ON9CFB (22), OZ1BVW (19), PA0HIP (109), SM7AED (6), S59AM (3), ZB0T (1), 9A3HZ (1), 9H1BT (9).

Austria:

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08211850 OE2UKL                  S G4UPS 57
08292000+OE1ETA                  C G4UPS 599
08300730+OE6BMG                  S G4UPS 59
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Belgium: Alain, ON4KST, writes that all 50 MHz ON licenses are valid to the end of December 1993, and they don't know what the future will bring. He also reports 5T5/F5JKK, PY5CC, EH8ACW, & EH7AH which are listed under those countries.

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09050755+OO1LGS                  9H5EE
10141650+ON1BBK          (-1745) 9H5EE
10151640+ON1SQ & ON1IL   (-1715) 9H5EE
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Bosnia-Hercegovina: SM7AED provides us with the following radio amateur call structure:

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T90aaa-zzz  Repeaters/Digipeaters
T91aaa-zzz  Club stations
T90a-z      Class A
T92aaa-zzz  Class E  VHF FM
T93aaa-zzz  Class D  VHF/UHF
T94aaa-zzz  Class B
T95aaa-zzz  Class C  Novices
T96aaa-zzz  Class F  80 m CW only
T97         reserved Class A
T98         reserved Class A
T99         reserved Class
                          (tnx TDXM)
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Corsica: Oct 93 *Six News* indicates that Serge, F5EMT operated as TK/F5EMT from JN42ln between July 5 and July 24. He used 10W and a vertical antenna. QSL to F5EMT: Serge Boutet, Chemin du Puy Sailly, Saint Maurice, F-63270 Vic le Comte, FRANCE.

Crete:

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08211920+SV9SIX/B   KM25 50.010 B G4UPS
08292035 SV9SIX/B                B G4UPS 599
08300827 SV9SIX/B                B G4UPS 579
08301700 SV9ANJ/B                B G4UPS 579
09041800 SV9ANJ                    9H5EE
09041857 SV9SIX/B                B G4UPS 579
09050755+SV9ANJ                    9H5EE
09051730+SV9ANJ                    9H5EE
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Croatia:

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08291925+9A3AT                   C G4UPS 559
08292000+9A2OB                   C G4UPS 579
08300730+9A3AT                   S G4UPS 59
08301655 9A3FT                   S G4UPS 55
09291838 9A3HZ      JN86         C G4UPS 599
1017     9A3FT      JN83           PA3FYM
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Czech Republic:

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08251818+OK1DIG & OK1FAV         C G4UPS 559
08262137 OK2TT      JN89KU       C G4UPS 589
08262139 OK1MJL     JO70WN       C G4UPS 599
08291940+OK1MAC                  C G4UPS 569
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Denmark:

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08221025 OZ3SDL                  S G4UPS 59
08221058+OZ1BVW & OZ1IJL         S G4UPS 59
08221058+OZ1ELF                  S G4UPS 59
08221058+OZ6VHF/B                B G4UPS 599
08251027+OZ7IGY/B                B G4UPS 599
08261847+OZ3SDL                  S G4UPS 59
08261847+OZ6VHF/B                B G4UPS 579
08261847+OZ7IGY/B                B G4UPS 559
09090900 OZ6VHF/B                B G4UPS 559
09131330+OZ7IGY/B & OZ6VHF/B     B SM7AED AUR
09131430 OZ5IQ                     SM7AED AUR
10100950+OZ3AEV & OZ1ASL (-1150)   9H5EE
10100950+OZ4K & OZ4VV    (-1150)   9H5EE
10100950+OZ9NI & OZ7JV   (-1150)   9H5EE
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England:

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08221025+GB3LER/B                B G4UPS 599
08250804 GB3LER/B                B G4UPS 599
08290940 GB3LER/B                B G4UPS 599
08300950 GB3LER/B                B G4UPS 599
09010825 GB3RMK                  C SP4TKK 599
09131330 GB3LER/B                B SM7AED AUR
09140800 GB3BUX/B                B G4UPS AUR
09201700+GB3LER/B                B SM7AED AUR
10141650+G4IGO & G7GLT  (-1745)    9H5EE
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Estonia:

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08211820 ES0SIX/B        50.036 B G4UPS 589
08230900+ES0SIX/B        50.036 B G4UPS 589
08261820 ES0SIX/B               B G4UPS 579
08261820+ES5DE                  S G4UPS 59
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08291527+ES5DE                      C G4UPS 559
08291528 ES6SIX/B K037MT 50.011     B G4UPS
08291535 ES0SIX/B                   B G4UPS 589
08291940 ES6SIX/B                   B G4UPS 579
08291940+ES0SIX/B                   B G4UPS 579
08300827+ES0SIX/B                   B G4UPS 579
08300912+ES1CW                      C G4UPS 599
09131330+ES6SIX/B & ES0SIX/B        B SM7AED AUR
09131637 ES1CW                        SM7AED AUR
1010     ES0SIX/B                   B PA3FYM
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Faroes Islands:

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08221058+OY3JE                      S G4UPS 59
08221058+OY9JD                      S G4UPS 59
08222026 OY9JD                      S G4UPS 57
08261227 OY9JD                      S G4UPS 59
08291020 OY9JD                      S G4UPS 59
09131440 OY9JD                        SM7AED AUR
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Finland:

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08250740+OH1SIX/B                   B G4UPS 569
08250930 OH3MF/9     KP36UN         C G4UPS 499
08261059 OH1NSJ      KP11BG         S G4UPS 59
08291527 OH1NSJ                     S G4UPS 59
08291535+OH1SIX/B                   B G4UPS 559
08291600 OH6AH       KP12TS         C G4UPS 599
08291636+OH2BNP                     S G4UPS 59
08300912+OH2AC                      S G4UPS 59
08301000 OH5NR                      C G4UPS 569
09201700+OH9SIX/B & OH1SIX/B        B SM7AED AUR
1010     OH3XA & OH3MF                PA3FYM
1010     OH2BGX & OH2BNH              PA3FYM
1010     OH7OI & OH1SIX/B             PA3FYM
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France:

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08231220+FRENCH TV        50.100 F G4UPS 59
08231232 F5OLS       IN94OU       S G4UPS 59
08300844+F5HGT                    S G4UPS 59
08301000+FRENCH TV        50.100 F G4UPS 59
09050755+F1BRV, F1BBK, & F5BYM      9H5EE
09101230+FRENCH TV        50.025 F G4UPS 59
10021820+F6FEF           (-1917)    9H5EE
10131800 F5QT            (-1805)    9H5EE
10141650+F5PKX           (-1745)    9H5EE
10151640+F5ID            (-1715)    9H5EE
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Germany:

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08221058+DL7ARM                     S G4UPS 59
08251900 DL/ON/PA/F/SM3UCA          S PY5CC
08262150+DL7QY                      C G4UPS 579
08300800+DL6EW                      S G4UPS 59
10100950+DK2NH           (-1150)    9H5EE
10100950+DL1OY           (-1150)    9H5EE
10100950+DL8HCZ & DJ8ZJ  (-1150)    9H5EE
10141650+DJ8ZJ           (-1745)    9H5EE
10141650+DK8KW & DK7ZB   (-1745)    9H5EE
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Greece:

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08301630 SV1SIX/B                   B G4UPS 569
08301655 SV1OH                      S G4UPS 57
09041843 SV1OH                      S G4UPS 57
09051547 SV1DH                        SM7AED
09051730+SV1UN & SV1OH                9H5EE
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Iceland:

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09201700+TF3SIX/B                   B SM7AED AURE
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Italy: Luca, IK2AEQ, who is the VHF manager for ARI, has recently moved to a new address: Luca S. Vanni, IK2AEQ, Via Ustica 18, I-20022 Castano Primo, Italy.

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08212055 IK2GSO                     S G4UPS 59
08231117+I1LNU                      S G4UPS 59
08231117+IK1HSS                     C G4UPS 579
08251945 IK3GRV & I0JX & I6QNT      S G4UPS 59
08291940+IK1VBN                     C G4UPS 559
08292035 IK6FHD                     S G4UPS 59
08300800+I2ELJ                      S G4UPS 59
08300827+I2OKW                      S G4UPS 59
10021820+IK1EGC          (-1917)    9H5EE
10141650+IK2IQD          (-1745)    9H5EE
1017     I7CSB & IK6GZM               PA3FYM
1017     I8RAR & IK8AUC               PA3FYM
1017     IK0FTA & IK0OKY              PA3FYM
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Malta:

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08220915+9H5EE & 9H5ET              S G4UPS 55
08230900 9H1SIX/B                   B G4UPS 579
08230914 9H5ET                      S G4UPS 57
08230953 9H5ET                      S G4UPS 59
08231235+9H1SIX/B                   B G4UPS 559
08241524 9H5EE                      S G4UPS 59
08241524+9H1SIX/B                   B G4UPS 559
08301012+9H4AC                      S G4UPS 57
09050817 9H1AL                      C G4UPS 569
09060721 9H5ET                        SM7AED
1010     9H5EE                        PA3FYM
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Macedonia: *Six News* reports: "Z31DX has apparently received his transverter, but very little has been heard of him so far. Dime, Z32UC in KN11CR is also QRV, but only with 500 mW and a dipole. He hopes to have 25W and a 5 element beam soon."

Moldavia: *Six News* reports: "It is rumored that the station signing UO5OK this July was not in fact UO5OK. His QSL manager UT5RP states he is not QRV on 6m!"

Netherlands: PA3FYM indicates he will follow Frank, PA3BFM as the 50 MHz VHF manager in the Netherlands. He also indicates that negotiations are being made with the Dutch PTT about the allocation of 50 MHz to the Dutch amateurs in the future. The current allocation is on the basis of a special permit which expires December 31, 1993. He also passes on his Internet address (besten@chem.ruu.nl) and packet (AX25): PA3FYM@W2XO.#WPA.*PA.USA.NA as well as some DX loggings.

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10100950+PA0OSS & PA3BFM (-1150)    9H5EE
10100950+PA0PEV          (-1150)    9H5EE
10100950+PA3FYM & PA3FHK (-1150)    9H5EE
10100950+PE1CTM & PE1PIU (-1150)    9H5EE
10100950+PE1DVW          (-1150)    9H5EE
10100950+PE1NIK & PE1IWT (-1150)    9H5EE
10151640+PA0LSB          (-1715)    9H5EE
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Norway:

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08221150 LA1KHA                     S G4UPS 59
08250820 LA9ZV                      S G4UPS 59
08250916 LA1IC                      S G4UPS 59
08260939 LA9ZV                      S G4UPS 59
08261014 LA3EDA      JP50CG         C G4UPS 599
08261207 LA3DV       JO49WS         S G4UPS 59
08261213 LA/G7BED/M  JP30           S G4UPS 59
08261826 LA1IC                      S G4UPS 59
08300800+LA1IC                      S G4UPS 59
09201700+LA7SIX/B                   B SM7AED AUR
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Poland: Andy, SP3UCA, is not listed in any callbook and requests that anyone needing a QSL card should send it to his local club station, SP3PMA, either direct or via the bureau. Andy runs 10 Watts to a 4-element yagi.

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08211850+SP5CCC                     S G4UPS 59
08221005 SP5CCC                     S G4UPS 59
08221057 SP3UCA      JO92DF         S G4UPS 59
08221058 SP6GZZ      JO81           S G4UPS 59
08221058+SP5NHF                     S G4UPS 59
08251023 SP3VZY      JO82LH         S G4UPS 59
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08251424 SP3VZY                  S G4UPS 59
08251439 SO5ASL     KO02         S G4UPS 59
         (G4ASL, Steve, on holiday)
08251736 SP6BTI     JO81HI       S G4UPS 59
08251830 SP5CCC                  S G4UPS 59
08251836 SP3UCA                  S G4UPS 59
08262114 SP7JSG                  C G4UPS 599
08262150 SP3VZY                  S G4UPS 59
08291748 SP5EFO                  S G4UPS 59
08291748+SP3UCA                  S G4UPS 59
08291748+SP4TKK                  S G4UPS 57
08291748+SP6GZZ                  S G4UPS 55
08291925 SO5ASL                  S G4UPS 59
08300844 SP5TKK     KO03         S G4UPS 59
09042038 SP5EFO                  C G4UPS 599
10111835 SP3UCA                    9H5EE
10121800+SP3UCA          (-1845)   9H5EE
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Portugal:

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08211920 CT0WW/B                 B G4UPS 599
08222020 CT0WW/B                 B G4UPS 579
08222020+CT1WW                   S G4UPS 57
08231010 CT0WW/B                 B G4UPS 59
08231117+CT0SMB/B                B G4UPS 569
08241625+CQ7CBI                  S G4UPS 59
08241654 CT0WW/B                 B G4UPS 579
08251750 CT1LN & CT0SMB/B        C G4UPS 579
08270730 CT0WW/B                 B G4UPS 599
08270920 CT0WW/B                 B G4UPS 559
08270938 CT0SMB/B                B G4UPS 559
08281755 CT0WW/B                 B G4UPS 599
08292000 CT0WW/B                 B G4UPS 579
08292000+CT0SMB                  C G4UPS 559
08292000+CT1WW                   S G4UPS 59
08300800+CT0WW/B                 B G4UPS 599
08300827+CQ7CBI                  S G4UPS 59
08301000+CT1BGE                  S G4UPS 59
08301012 CT4KQ                   C G4UPS 599
08301012+CT0WW/B                 B G4UPS 599
08301833+CT0WW/B                 B G4UPS 599
09251110 CT0WW/B                 B G4UPS 559
09251115 CT0SMB/B                B G4UPS 559
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Rhodes:

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08292013 SV5TS                   S G4UPS 59
09051730+SV5/G0OFN/P               9H5EE
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Russia, European:

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08260915 RUSSIAN INBAND TV       V G4UPS 59
08291515 RU1A                    C G4UPS 599
08300827+RU1A                    S G4UPS 57
08300859 RU1A       KO48VR       S G4UPS 59
08300912 RA3YO      KO73         C G4UPS 579
08301000+RU1A                    C G4UPS 559
08311020 RUSSIAN INBAND TV       V G4UPS 59
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Scotland:

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08221218 GM3XOQ                  S G4UPS 59
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Serbia:

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08251836+YU1AU                   S G4UPS 57
08251836+YU1MW                   S G4UPS 559
08251850 4N1SIX/B                B G4UPS 579
08261815 YU1ABA                  C G4UPS 559
08261815+4N1SIX/B                B G4UPS 579
08270734+4N1SIX/B                B G4UPS 579
08280835 4N1SIX/B                B G4UPS 559
08290845 4N1SIX/B                B G4UPS 559
08290925 YU7AU                   S G4UPS 57
08291940+4N1SIX/B                B G4UPS 579
08291940+YT1AU                   C G4UPS 569
08300730+4N1SIX/B                B G4UPS 599
08300730+YU1AD                   S G4UPS 57
08300730+YU7AU                   S G4UPS 59
08301610 YU1AD                   C G4UPS 559
08301610+4N1SIX/B                B G4UPS 569
08301630+4N1SIX/B                B G4UPS 579
08301717 YU1MW                   C G4UPS 569
09041843+4N1SIX/B                B G4UPS 569
09041843+YT1AU                   S G4UPS 559
09041843+YU7AU                   S G4UPS 57
09050755+YU1EU                     9H5EE
09051730+YT1AU                     9H5EE
09051835 YU1EU                   S G4UPS 56
09051837 4N1SIX/B                B G4UPS 559
09291835 YU1EU      KO04         S G4UPS 59
10141650+YT1IQ           (-1745)   9H5EE
10141650+YU1EU & YU1QC   (-1745)   9H5EE
10141650+YU7FU           (-1745)   9H5EE
1017     YU1ABA & YU7FU & YU1AD    PA3FYM
1017     4N1SIX/B                  PA3FYM 59
1017     YU1SIX          50.087 B  PA3FYM 59
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Sardinia:

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08231144 IS0OMH     JN40EU       C G4UPS 599
         (Well known HF man now on 6m)
08250936 IS0AGY                  S G4UPS 59
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Sicily:

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08220915 IT9CHU                  S G4UPS 59
08230914+IT9SGC                  S G4UPS 59
08241635 IT9IPQ/IT9              S G4UPS 59
08301745 IT9DQM                  S G4UPS 57
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Slovakia:

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08251818+OM3ID                   C G4UPS 559
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Slovenia:

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08211920+S55ZRS/B                B G4UPS 599
08231235 S55ZRS/B                B G4UPS 579
08251035 S55ZRS/B                B G4UPS 599
08251818 S51UF                   C G4UPS 579
08251836+S52AU                   C G4UPS 569
08251920 S55ZRS/B                B G4UPS 569
08270734+S55ZRS/B                B G4UPS 599
08291925+S51UF                   C G4UPS 579
08301717+S57AC                   C G4UPS 579
09141745 S55ZRS/B                B G4UPS 579
09291838+S55ZRS/B                B G4UPS 579
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Spain: From *Six News:* Rafa, EA3IH/EH3IH sends along a report detailing his first year on 6m. His first QSO was on July 11 1992 with Paul, 9H1BT. Since then he has made over 1000 QSOs around Europe and with ZS, 7Q, TU, TR8, ZD8, A2, Z2, 3X, ZS9, V51, 9J2, CX and PY. Rafa uses a Spectrum transverter delivering 25W and an HB9CV.

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08211920+EH7ERS                  S G4UPS 59
08221655 EH7CD                   S G4UPS 59
08221940 EH1QJ                   C G4UPS 579
08230914+EH7AJ                   C G4UPS 579
08231030 EH3AQJ                  S G4UPS 59
08231105 EH3MD/P    JN02KI       S G4UPS 59
08231117 EH5BZS/P   JM09AX       S G4UPS 59
08231220 EH7FTH                  S G4UPS 57
08231220+EA3VHF/B                B G4UPS 599
08231220+EH3IH                   C G4UPS 579
08231220+EH3LL                   S G4UPS 59
08241527 EH7AJ                   C G4UPS 569
08241545 EH5DY/P    JM08         S G4UPS 59
08241610 EH7AG                   S G4UPS 59
08241625 EH1AST & EH7BIH         S G4UPS 59+
08241625+EH7ERS & EH7AH          S G4UPS 59/57
08241654+EH1KV & EH1EH           C G4UPS 599
08270734 EA1MO           XBAND   S G4UPS 59
08270734+EH1EH                   C G4UPS 579
08270734+EH7AJ & EH7AH           S G4UPS 59
08270912+EH1DVY/P                S G4UPS 59
08291940+EH7ESB                  S G4UPS 57
08300800+EA6SIX/B                B G4UPS 559
08300800+EH7ERS                  S G4UPS 59
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08301833 EH3LL                      C G4UPS 599
09041857 EH7AJ                      C G4UPS 599
09051043 EH7AH                      S G4UPS 59
09051211+EH7AJ                      S G4UPS 59
09101225 EH1DVY/P   IN82RC          S G4UPS 59
09101228 EH1EH      IN82            C G4UPS 599
09101230 EH7AJ      IM87            C G4UPS 599
09131649+EH1DVY/P        (-1652)      9H5EE
09240758 EA9IB     (via G4UPS)       ON/PA
10021820+EH3BTZ & EH3AQJ (-1917)     9H5EE
10111853 EH7AH                       ON4KST
10151640+EH1EH           (-1715)     9H5EE
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Sweden: From SM7AED's *6-meter Newssheet:* The Swedish 50 MHz stations must report their activity once a year, otherwise they lose their license. This is a one-year summary ending March 31, 1993 from the list of the Swedish VHF manager SM0FSK.

District	#stations	#QSOs	Most active stations
SM0	32	382	SM0OGX SM0KAK SM0CHH SM0KCR
SM1	5	1023	SM1LPU SM1ALH
SM2	2	57	SM2BYA
SM3	21	1906	SM3EQY SM3JGG SM3BIU
SM4	1	278	SM4BRD
SM5	10	849	SM5PRE SM0LCB/5
SM6	32	1859	SM6CMU SM6CYZ SM6EAN
SM7	37	6570	SM7FJE SM7AED SM7CMV
TOTAL	140	15624	

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08221025+SM7CMV                      S G4UPS 59
08221058+SM0KCR & SM6CYZ             C G4UPS 599
08221058+SM5INC                      C G4UPS 579
08221500 SM3EQY                      S G4UPS 59
08222050 SM3EQY                        G4UPS
08250913 SM3RPQ     JP74BT           S G4UPS 59
08251027 SM3RPP                      S G4UPS 57
08261014+SM0KCR                      C G4UPS 599
08261059+SM0KCR                      C G4UPS 599
08261122 SM3RPP                      S G4UPS 57
08261820+SM0KCR                      C G4UPS 599
08261820+SM3BIU                      S G4UPS 57
08261826+SM1LPU/1 & SM0KFV           S G4UPS 59
08261826+SM7CMV & SM3GHW             S G4UPS 59
08261847 SM1LPU/1   JO96BW           C G4UPS 59
08291615 SM6EHY     JO67             C G4UPS 599
08291615+SM0KCR                      S G4UPS 59
08291636 SM6UMO     JO68DH           S G4UPS 59
08291636+SM6CMU                      S G4UPS 59
08300800 SM7AED     JO65             C G4UPS 559
08301000+SM3JGG                      C G4UPS 599
09020800 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
09030800 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
09050800 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
09100800 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
09110800 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
09120800 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
09130800 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 339
09131335 SM4BRD                        SM7AED AUR
09131411 SM0KCR                        SM7AED AUR
09150751 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
09160800 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
09170800 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
09200800 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
09210800 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 449
09220801 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 579
09220834 SM3EQY                      S G4UPS 57
09230801 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
09280801 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
09290803 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
09300802 SM7AED                      C G4UPS 559
10100950+SM6KJX          (-1150)     9H5EE
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Vatican: *Six News* reports that I0CUT Ugo's operation from HV4NAC on July 16 resulted in 247 stations being worked, mainly in the UK. QSL via IK0FVC only.

News of North America

Canada: These reports of July DX are via SM7AED

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07032041 VE3ELL     FN04             VP2MO
07032104 VE3ELL     FN04             VP2EE
07032123 VE3ELL     FN04             KP4RE
07052328 VE3ELL     FN04             CU1EZ
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Costa Rica:

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10232020 TI2NA/B        (-2100)      B KD6GDL
10242020 TI2NA/B        (-2100)      B KD6GDL
10252020 TI2NA/B        (-2100)      B KD6GDL
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Cuba: From *The World Above 50 MHz:* CM2JG, Jesus Gonzales, in EL83, was widely worked on 6 mtrs throughout the eastern US on August 11. Among the persons he talked with was Arne, CO2KK, who was visiting W3EP/1 at the time. WZ1V worked CO2KK in EL83 during a September 6 opening centered on Florida.

Mexico:

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10150100 XE2LQB     DL98             KD6GDL
10210330 XE1J, XE1AVM DK79,DK89      N6CA
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St. Pierre & Miquelon Is.: *Six News* printed the following communications from Ron, FP4EK: "I work for Air St. Pierre as an engineer. We arrived in 1988 and I first operated as FP/VE1KM. After a couple of years I decided to sit the French amateur exam. This gave me FP4EK. First licensed in 1970 as VE3CZV, I'd also held the calls VE7EIH (1982), and VE1KM (1985) and was licensee for CY9CF (1990). On January 1 1993, I first used my new call, FP4EK.

Until recently, I had not considered the DX potential of 50 MHz. Then Harry Schools, KA3B, got in touch with me and ended up giving me a SSB 6m rig (10W PEP) with a Ringo Ranger antenna.

W4DR later gave me a 5 element beam, and I worked a few stations last year, but was discouraged by the low activity this year. Just a few weeks ago, a visiting DXpedition sold me their IC560 which opened up 6m cw work, but still only 10W. Soon I hope to put up a small tower."

United States:

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09140150 CO,KS,NE via Es             S K6QXY
10150100+W6SKC/B    DM41 50.075 B KD6GDL 59
10150100+W7US/B     DM42 50.068 B KD6GDL 59
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News of Oceania

Australia, Victoria: VK3OT has submitted 100 cards for DXCC.

Australia, Tasmania: VK7IK is the first and only VK7 to submit his cards for 50 MHz WAC.

French Oceania:

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09070615+KH6HME          (-0815) B FO5DR
09070615+CH2,CH3         (-0815) V FO5DR
09140640+KH6HME & KH6HI  (-0840) B FO5DR
09140705+CH2             (-0840) V FO5DR WEAK
09190700+KH6HME          (-0800) B FO5DR
09190710+CH2             (-0800) V FO5DR WEAK
09200605+KH6HME & KH6HI  (-0805) B FO5DR
09200605+CH2,CH3         (-0805) V FO5DR
09200655+CH4             (-0805) V FO5DR
09260700+KH6HME & KH6HI  (-0830) B FO5DR
09260700+CH2             (-0830) V FO5DR
09260730+CH3             (-0830) V FO5DR
09270615+CH2             (-0815) V FO5DR
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09270630+KH6HME & KH6HI (-0815) B FO5DR
09270630+CH3            (-0815) V FO5DR
09270640+CH4            (-0815) V FO5DR
09280700+KH6HME & KH6HI (-0800) B FO5DR
09280700+CH2            (-0800) V FO5DR
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New Zealand: Word on the street is that the ZLs lost the use of 50-51 MHz a couple months ago. Could one of you who bought K6STI's YO-SIX optimize a 20-24' boom yagi (with more elements, I guess) for 50.0-51.1 MHz?

Papua/New Guinea: I thought we had an Internet connection to P29CW, but the last message I received was via an HF packet gateway. I registered with N0ARY.Arasmith.COM, and we'll see if this is more reliable than landline, as Pete's message said: "You would not believe how much trouble we're having trying to get a phone line quiet enough to get a modem to work on this end. I've pretty well given up on that now, as the success rate has been below 10% and we get charged on this end for every attempt! HI.

The good news is that HF packet works well from here (well OK, as well as it every does...), and Bob, N0ARY there in California has an Internet server on his packet BBS. He seems quite happy for me to use it to send you the logs from here for the Bulletin. ...

The band is picking up again here, nice after a couple of really dead months. I'm hearing JA, HL, DU and BV at least two nights a week right now for the last four weeks or so. It seems to be getting better as October goes on. I heard nothing of either Wake Island, or Mellish Reef, which was a shame! Some of the guys in Port Moresby say they think they heard Mellish for about 30 seconds in the noise on one afternoon, but no QSOs from that. Port Moresby is about 200 miles South of here, so maybe I was out of the zone (or out of the shack!) HI.

P29CW @ N0JN.CEB.PHL.OC"

News of South America

Brazil:

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08251900 PY5CC                  S SP3UCA
10102200 PY5CC          (-2210)   9H5EE
10112050 PY5CC          (-2059) C ON4KST 539
10122045 PY5CC          (-2130)   9H5EE
10150100 PY5CC                    ARIZ/W5OZI
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Beacon News

Crete: The new SV9SIX beacon on 50.010 MHz transmits FSK sending: DE SV9SIX KM25NH 30W ERP. Tnx SM7AED.

Estonia: Arvo, ES0CB, is planning to replace the horizontal dipole antenna of the ES0SIX beacon (50.037) with an omni-directional horizontally-polarized antenna next spring. Tnx SM7AED.

The new ES6SIX beacon on 50.0113 MHz transmits CW sending: ES6SIX KO37MT (followed by a series of N (s), giving a continuous keying cycle. The transmitter output power is 10 Watts and the antenna is a ground plane 12 mtrs above ground at 85 mtrs asl. The beacon keeper is Tonu, ES6QB, and we have Tonu and ES6RGY to thank for this beacon.

Netherlands: The PA3FYM beacon @ 50.052 (the only 'regular' beacon in PA) is running for almost two years now only during work hours; i.e., 0830 - 1700 UTC. It is unclear if an unmanned license for this beacon will be issued, or if operation will continue beyond December 31, 1993 when the Dutch PTT 50 MHz special permits expire.

Indicators

France: Serge, F5EMT, writes "I would like to inform you that Radio France is using the following QRGs for studio links (50.025 - 50.050 - 50.075 - 50.100). The duplex frequencies are 3 MHz down. Radio France has 39 local stations, but only 10-15 use 50 MHz links. This is one of the reasons why French amateurs are not authorized to transmit below 50.200 MHz. I work for the local radio, here in Clermont-Ferrand, but we do not use 50 MHz for our links." Tnx *Six News*.

Poland: *Six News* relays a note from SP2SWR: "TVP1 from Poland has an AM carrier on 50.250 MHz. In some parts of Poland 50 MHz is impossible to use because of this transmitter.

DX-pedition News

Bahamas: KM1E/C6AGN will be returning to Green Turtle Cay, Abaco Is. on December 5 and leaving February 23. He will probably be QRV on 6m Dec 7 or 8. A second visit is planned for May 94, but dates are still to be determined.

Caroline Is. KC6HY(JH4BGJ), KC6KA(JN1ATL), KC6NH (JH4OWG), KC6OM(JG1EGG), and KC6SH(JK1QHK) will be QRV on 6m from Belau Nov 20-23. QSL via JK1QHK.

Gozo Island: SM7AED indicated that 4 German hams were to operate as 9H3SA,B,C,D between October 10 and 20.

Jamaica: WA3HMK is considering going to 6Y5 for a week around the June 1994 VHF contest for 2mtr EME and 6mtr. He is looking for two or three other operators in accompanying him. Anyone interested, contact Chris Patterson, 725 Jake Landis Road, Lititz, PA 17543.

Turks & Caicos Islands: Chris, WA3HMK, wrote indicating he would be in VP5 between November 3 and November 11 with 6 mtr and 2 mtr equipment (2 mtr EME).

EME News

From Michael Owen, W9IP (via SM7AED): "Friends, I just received a message from Jorge Heraud, OA4LS, regarding an upcoming 6-meter EME test. The Jicamarca observatory (Lat 11°, 56' 53" S, Lon 76°, 52' 20" W, Grid FH18nb) has the largest 6-meter antenna in the world, 20,000 dipoles. Its gain is around 43 dBd and its beamwidth is 1°. The array is not readily steerable, so their Moon window is very brief. Date September 25, 1993 0050 UTC. Listen from 0040-0100. Note that this will be a transmit-only test; they will NOT be making any QSOs. They hope to QSY into the amateur 50 MHz band at a later date for QSOs depending on the success of this test. Consequently, it is important that they receive SWL reports."

SM7AED comments: the moon was not visible in Europe, most of Africa, Asia, or Oceania. I guess they had a very strong signal in the U S A.

Comments from K6QXY (who did find out about the tests in time, and said the signals weren't all that strong due to the wide bandwidth): The frequency was 49.920 MHz, the output average power < 55 kW. They transmitted 800 pulses per second over a 3-5 kHz band, and this was hand keyed on and off. W9IP was to relay the reports to Jicamarca. His address is Michael Owen, 21 Maple St., Canton, NY 13617.

Comments from your editor: Is this one for you? The coverage circle has a ground range of 9116 km (88°) from Jicamarca. A rough sketch I made on a map suggests Iceland, Spain, Nigeria, Hawaii, and Whitehorse NWT would be on the periphery of coverage; e.g., moon on the horizon. Declination 12°S includes some of the noisiest parts of the sky. Dates of possible future operations may be determined by noting that the moon must be between -11° and -13° declination. The moon is between these declinations only about 8 hours. Only two times in three months would the moon pass through this window. These numbers are rough, the moon subtends about 1/2° and the 3 dB beamwidth is -1/2° to +1/2°. Refraction will extend the ground range somewhat.

The indicated bandwidth would suggest a 250 µsec pulse width and a 20% duty cycle. On the other hand, the original modus operandi (circa 1961-2) was 500 µsec pulses, 50 pps, with a 150 kW driver and 4 MW PA.

From Bob, K6QXY: "We had a lot of fun over the EME contest weekend. On October 9 I worked OH2BC and W5FF. On October 10 I worked I5MXX, OZ5IQ, WA4HJP and on October 12 I worked SM7BAE (Single 9 el Yagi)!! OZ5IQ and SM7BAE were new countries, I have 105 now.

K6MYC, W6JKV and myself have now worked OZ5IQ. K6MYC and myself have worked SM7BAE."

Equipment Notes

Chris, WA3HMK, writes that N4HSM has modified the 2 mtr Commander Amplifier (3CX800—800 watts out) for 6 mtrs, and he is planning to do the same to a portable amplifier.

From SV1EN @ SV1IW.ATH.GRC.EU via SM7AED's newsletter: As the magic band is not at its best, the need for out of band monitoring (video channels, etc.) is becoming a must in order to predict any possible openings or study the band's behaviour in general.

It has been reported that many amateurs are still looking for mods for the Yaesu FT690 R-II in order to perform the above-mentioned task. A successful mod for this rig (requiring a new XTAL) has been made by SV1DH and is available on request (SASE please). SV1DH, Dr. C. Fimerelis, 23 Ailianou St., 112-54, Athens, GREECE. Editor--I have written SV1DH asking if we could publish the mods in our bulletin.

Mail Bag

Editor from Steve Smeltzer, KD6GDL

I have a possible answer to Sept. 1993 News of N. America—Mexico. {Bill, KE7CX, wanted QSL route for XE2LQB.} We in Southern California had an opening on October 15 at 0100 to Texas and Mexico (DL98), and I spoke with XE2LQB, Rafael, who said to QSL via XE2CPN at P.O. Box 251.

I hope this is helpful to Bill. If not, XE2LQB has frequent contacts with Pat, W5OZI. Maybe Bill could contact Pat, W5OZI for more info.

The opening lasted two hours and the last 30 minutes brought in Arizona. We never hear skip this close, must be backscatter, I guess. I heard the W7US and W6SKC beacons in DM42 and DM41 respectively.

Steve Smeltzer, KD6GDL, 8351 Bashan Lake Ave., San Diego, CA 92119

Dear Victor, from Pat Rose, W5OZI

I had a very FB opening on October 13 between 0027-0058 to XE1ABA (DK89) and XE1AVM (DK79)—signals were S-9 + 50 dB. My friend, XE2LQB (DL98) worked them also.

Then, last night, October 15 at 0015, we had an excellent Es opening to Southern CA, AZ & NM. I turned in early at 0200Z, after working about a dozen stations, but I think it went on a lot longer. Also, during that opening, I worked PY5CC—he was not strong here, but I believe he and PP5WL were both **very** loud in CA & AZ. (The guys down south disclaim this, but said that **their** understanding was that PY5CC was in to AZ & W5OZI.)

XE2LQB told me today he had 44 QSOs during that Es opening. He was really excited about it! As you may know, I loaned him an IC-551D & 5 element beam last July in an attempt to spur 6 mtr activity in Mexico, and he is doing an excellent job from his home QTH as well as many other rare grids in Northern Mexico. He tells me that during the Christmas holidays he will operate for several days from Torreon (DL85). I need that one!

Will you kindly publish his address for the guys who need his card? His callbook address is **not** good. He has 1000 new QSL cards, and will QSL 100% upon receipt of SASE—(US 29¢) stamped envelope OK).

Rafael Ortiz, XE2LQB
Zaragoza 385 Sur
Nava, Coah. 26170
MEXICO

Pat Rose, W5OZI, P.O. Box 393, Junction, TX 76849

Dear Vic, from Bill Wiseman, KM1E

Just **had** to let you know how much your efforts to resurrect and breath new life into the 50 MHz Bulletin are appreciated. The 1992 September issue #9 on "Atmospheric response to Solar Flares" was entirely new to me. The information on "Atmospheric Electrical Enhancements" and "Geomagnetic Effects on Atmospheric Pressure" were also very thought provoking. I really like the blend of reports and background pieces.

I also like and support your venture into reporting 144 Mhz Es openings because there is a great deal of interrelationship between 50 MHz & 144 Mhz opening using this propagation mode.

Bill Wiseman, KM1E, P.O. Box 120, Woolwich, Maine, 04579

Dear Victor, from Bob Magnani, K6QXY

The technical part of the news letter is great. I'll try and send you some EME data as we develop it; i.e., noise blankers, audio filters, receivers, DSP, etc.

I've written a letter to EK0LJA (UW0MF). Hope he receives it. I think it is possible to work him on Es around 0400-0700Z when we have KL7 & VE8 openings, but am not sure he can transmit then or even listen.

Bob Magnani c/o Ferrera & Associates, 1500 Los Alamos Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95409-3308